

This office action is responsive to the Amendment and Remarks filed 12 November 2009. Claims 1-27 and 45-49 have been canceled. Claims 28-44, 50 and 51 are pending and presently under consideration.

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Joseph Fox on 16 February 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 38, line 1, please replace "claim 37," with --one of claims 28 to 34, wherein either of the pair of substrates has an active element and a color filter layer, and the other substrate is formed with no light-blocking member in a display area thereof, and further --.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Geraldina Visconti whose telephone number is (571) 272-1334. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am to 4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cynthia Kelly can be reached on (571) 272-1526. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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